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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a very satisfied customer of Sonic.Net and strongly believe that the service and value they offer is very much needed in order to retain a competitive and balance marketplace. Reducing the number of internet providers is in everyone's best interest.

I left At&t and Comcast and moved to Sonic.Net 5 years ago as I was unhappy with price & service I received from previous providers.  
Let these small providers remain in business. We need them!

Thank you.

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